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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

## NOTIFICATION

The 20th June, 2019

**No.HLA 669/2016/137.-** In supersession of the earlier Government Notification No. HLA.669/2016/85 dated 11/08/2016, the **Autism Certification Medical Board, Assam** is re-constituted with the following members :-

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| 1. Senior most Associate Professor,<br>Department of Paediatrics<br>Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati. | Chairman |
| 2. Senior most Clinical Psychologist<br>Department of Psychiatry<br>Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati. | Member   |
| 3. Senior most Associate Professor<br>Department of Psychiatry<br>Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati.   | Member   |

The Principal-cum- Chief Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, Guwahati will nominate the ex-officio faculty members to serve on the Autism Certification Medical Board as per the incumbency status.

The Board shall function as per guidelines for evaluation and assessment of Autism and procedure for certification laid down in Notification No. 16-21/2013-DD-III dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 (Annexure-I) issued by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India .

Office of Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College and Hospital will provide necessary logistical support and maintain the records of the Board.

**SAMIR K. SINHA,**  
Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Health & Family Welfare Department.

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ANNEXURE-I  
[PART I—SEC. 1]

VI. संज्ञानात्मक घटक						
37.	असंगत ध्यान तथा संकेंद्रन					
38.	विलंबित प्रतिक्रिया समय					
39.	असामान्य स्मृति					
40.	विद्ववान योग्यता					

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ऑटिज्म युक्त व्यक्तियों हेतु विकलांगता प्रमाण—पत्र

.....सरकार

प्रमाण—पत्र जारी करने वाले राज्य/अधिकृत ऑटिज्म प्रमाणन चिकित्सा बोर्ड का नाम एवं पता

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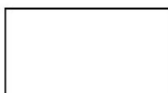
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नवीनतम फोटो  
यहां चिपकाये

यह प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि श्री/श्रीमति/कुमारी..... सुपुत्र/सुपुत्री ..... निवासी  
ग्राम/कस्बा/शहर (आवेदक का पूर्ण पता) निम्नलिखित सूचना के साथ :-

- क) जन्म तिथि .....
- ख) लिंग पुरुष .....महिला .....
- ग) अंगूठे के निशान सहित हस्ताक्षर .....



राज्य/अधिकृत ऑटिज्म प्रमाणन चिकित्सा बोर्ड द्वारा जांच की गई है तथा उसे मामूली मध्यम/गंभीर ऑटिज्म युक्त व्यक्ति की श्रेणी में समझा गया है। उसकी विकलांगता का प्रतिशत ..... है।

राज्य /अधिकृत ऑटिज्म प्रमाणन चिकित्सा बोर्ड के  
अध्यक्ष के हस्ताक्षर एवं मोहर

तारीख .....

स्थान .....

## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)

## NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 25th April, 2016

**Subject: Guidelines for evaluation and assessment of Autism and procedure for certification**

**No. 16-21/2013-DD-III.**—Autism has been recognized as one of the disabilities under Section 2 of the National Trust Act, 1999 read with the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (PwD Act). The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 provides for the constitution of National Trust for the welfare of this class of persons with disabilities. Thus the guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and procedure for certification notified by the Ministry on 1.06.2001 covers only the categories of disabilities identified in the PwD Act and do not cover certification of Autism. The State Governments on this reasonable ground are not issuing Disability Certificate to persons with autism.

2. In order to frame guidelines for evaluation and assessment of Autism and procedure for certification, as given in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's O.M. (F.No. Z-28020/106/2014-CH-RBSK) dated 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 and to recommend appropriate modifications/alternations keeping in view Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India has developed Guidelines for Assessment of Autism for the purposes of issuance of disability certificate in consultation with Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

3. Definition: Autism Spectrum Disorder is a lifelong neurological condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that is marked by pervasive impairments in the areas of social skills and communication; often associated with hyper-or-hypo-reactivity to sensory input; unusual interest of stereotypical rituals, or behaviours; and may or may not be accompanied by intellectual impairment.

4. For identification of Autism cases the INCLIN tools shall be used. INCLIN Tools for identification of autism cases is at **Annexure A**.

5. The Indian Scale of Assessment of Autism has been developed which provides the detailed assessment procedure and tools for assessing the extent of disability for persons with autism beyond 6 years of age. The Indian scale for assessment of autism is at **Annexure B**. Certification of disability for persons with autism may be carried out by a Autism Certification Medical Board, duly constituted by the Central Government or the State Government, comprising of members from the following fields:

1. Clinical Psychologist/Rehabilitation Psychologist
2. A Psychiatrist
3. A Paediatrician or General Physician as the case may be

The State Governments are, therefore, requested to constitute the Autism Certification Medical Board immediately.

6. Based on the identification of cases of Autism in terms of INCLIN tools, certification of Autism on the basis of ISAA tools shall be issued. The Proforma for issuance of Certificate of Disability of Persons with Autism shall be as per **Annexure C**. The certificate would be valid for a period of 5 years for those whose disability is temporary and are below the age 18 years. For those who acquire permanent disability, the validity can be shown as "Permanent" in the certificate.

7. The Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare shall be the final authority, should there arise any controversy/doubt regarding the interpretation of the definition/classification/evaluation test etc.

Details of the Annexures appended to the guidelines are as under:

**List of Annexure**

Annexure A	INCLIN diagnostic tools
Annexure B	Indian Scale of Assessment of Autism
Annexure C	Proforma for issuance of Certificate of Disability of Persons with Autism

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**Annexure A**

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**NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AMONG CHILDREN  
IN INDIA: AN INCLIN STUDY**

**INCLIN Diagnostic Tool for Autism Spectrum Disorder  
(INDT-ASD)**

State	
District	
Tehsil	
Village (Cluster)	

Date of Interview	D	D	-	M	M	-	Y	Y
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Commencing Time	AM/PM	Hr		Min	
Concluding Time	AM/PM	Hr		Min	

**PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THE CHILD**

Name of the Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: DD/MM/YYYY

Age: \_\_\_\_years \_\_\_\_months

Sex:

Complete Address:

Phone number:

Date of Assessment:

Name of the Assessor:

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVALUATION**

- Primary caregiver must be present with the child.
- These behaviours are to be assessed in the context of children of same age.
- Explain to parents that the answers should be based on the child's behaviour most of the time.
- Follow the age directions given along with the question. For questions where no age cut-off is given, they should be asked for all children i.e. all ages (2-9 years)
- Ask the questions **verbatim**  
Question can be **repeated if** the respondent can not understand  
Still, if the respondent cannot understand, give **example** for the particular behaviour;  
**No further elaboration** is allowed
- The questionnaire should be **supplemented by observations** for the suggestive behaviour in the child **throughout** the assessment.
- Observe the behaviour of child during the entire interview to confirm the presence or absence of a particular behaviour (First ask, then observe if observations is discrepant, then re ask the question and re-check the observation)



- When there is discrepancy between parental response and your observation, \* indicates whether parent report or observation should take precedence, and marked accordingly.  
asterisk (\*)
- When the parent's response is "unsure" your observation of the particular behaviour will be given weightage even asterisk (\*) is on parental response. In case you are also unable to observe the behaviour, and then only mark the response as "Unsure".
- Some criteria have multiple questions. **While scoring**, consider the criteria fulfilled even if response to **any one** of the questions is abnormal. For example, the criterion **Ala** is considered fulfilled if any one of i, ii, iii or iv is abnormal in the child.

**SECTION A**

	Ask (Tick ✓ in the box if response is based on answer)	Observe (Tick ✓ in the box if response is based on observation)	Encircle the appropriate response		
<b>Ala</b>	i) * <i>For children aged less than 4 years:</i> Does your child usually enjoy being taken in the lap or hugged?  <i>For children aged 4 years or more:</i> When your child was a baby/toddler, did he/she enjoy being taken in the lap or hugged?  <input type="checkbox"/>	In children below 4 years age; Response to being touched and cuddled by parent: enjoys/tolerates/squirms/stiffens/gets upset/Indifferent  <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Unsure
	ii) Does your child usually make eye contact with you or other people?  <i>Eg. While playing, asking for things, talking to you</i>  <input type="checkbox"/>	*Quality of eye contact  <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Unsure
	iii) * Does your child usually use various gestures appropriately during social interactions?  <i>Eg. Namaste, Salaam, waving bye-bye, hello, touching feet etc.</i> (At least sometimes spontaneously) (use appropriate example as required)  <input type="checkbox"/>	Use of these gestures in response to your greeting and while departing  <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	No	Unsure
Further elaborate if required about inappropriate gestures like repeatedly greets anybody without knowing (जैसे : बिना वजह किसी भी अन्जान व्यक्ति को नमस्कार करना बिना वजह बार-बार पैर छूना इत्यादि)					

	iv) Does your child <b>usually</b> show appropriate facial expressions according to the situation? <i>Eg. being happy, sad, afraid etc.</i>	*Appropriateness of facial expressions while interacting with parents, with you (stranger), while playing, when given toy/favorite food or when scolded.	Yes	No	Unsure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Alb</b>	i) * Does your child <b>usually</b> enjoy the company of other children?	Child's interaction with other children	Yes	No	Unsure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	ii) * For children aged 4 years or more: Does your child have friends of his/her age (In school and neighbour-hood) with whom he/she love to chat, share food or play together?	Quality of child's interaction with other children of his/her age	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	iii) * For children aged 4 years or more: Does your child play mostly with children who are much older or much younger than him/her?	Quality of child's interaction with other children	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Alc</b>	i) * <b>For children aged less than 4 years:</b> Does/did your child ever point with his/her index finger to bring your attention to show the things that interest him/her? <i>Eg. kite, plane flying in the sky, cow/dog on the road etc.</i>	Observe how the child draws attention toward a toy/object of interest; Look for coordinated pointing	Yes	No	Unsure
	<i>For children aged 4 years or more:</i> Does your child usually bring things to show you on his/her own he/she has made printed or new toy/gift?				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

	ii) <i>For children aged 4 years or more and are able to speak:</i> Does your child talk to you about things he/she likes or has achieved without being asked about them?  <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>		Yes	No	Unsure
Ald	i) * Does your child usually prefer to play alone and gets irritated/moves away when his/her sibs or other kids try to play with him/her?  <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	Quality of play activity in a group of children or with siblings	Yes	No	Unsure
	ii) * Does your child play games involving turn taking or rule based with other children properly?  <i>Eg. Cricket, Hide and Seek/I-spy, Ludo, Stapoo, Ring-a-ring roses etc.</i>  <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	Quality of child's involvement in rule-based games or games involving taking turns	Yes	No	Unsure
	iii) * Does your child <b>usually</b> share his/her happiness with you or come to you for comfort when hurt or upset?  <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	Sharing happiness or distress with the parents	Yes	No	Unsure
	iv) * <i>For children aged 4 years or more:</i> Does your child <b>usually</b> share your happiness or try to comfort you when you are upset/sad?  <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	Sharing of parent's happiness distress by the child	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
A2a	*Does your child speak normally for his/her age? If the child cannot speak normally: Can he/she communicate with you by using gestures?  <i>Eg. by pointing with index finger, nodding/shaking head for yes/no etc.</i>	Use of age-appropriate language (words-and-phrases). Spontaneous use of gestures for communication; *Quality/maturity of pointing (Mature or immature pointing and 'hand over hand' pointing)	Yes	No	Unsure

	<p><b>If the child cannot speak at all AND cannot communicate by appropriate gestures, then only mark as “NO”.</b></p> <p><b>If the child cannot speak BUT can communicate by appropriate gestures, then mark as “YES”</b></p> <div data-bbox="509 613 596 667" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<div data-bbox="979 613 1067 667" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>			
	<p>Ask A2b only if child is speaking at 2-3 word sentences level</p> <p>Ask A2c only if the child is speaking at few words level</p>				

<b>A2b</b>	<p>i) *Does your child initiate a conversation with you?</p> <div data-bbox="517 920 604 974" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Quality of child's conversation with parents or yourself</p> <div data-bbox="979 943 1067 996" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
	<p>ii) * For children aged 4 years or more: Can you have conversation with your child during which he/she not only answers your questions, but also <b>adds</b> something <b>new to continue</b> the conversation?</p> <div data-bbox="517 1227 604 1281" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Quality of child's conversation with parents or yourself</p> <div data-bbox="979 1238 1067 1292" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
<b>A2c</b>	<p>i) Does your child usually repeat words or phrases regardless of meaning (in part or whole) that he/she has heard?</p> <p><i>Eg. If you say, 'toffee' he will also say 'toffee' If you say, 'come' he will also say 'come' and If you ask, 'what is your name' he will also say 'what is your name'</i></p> <div data-bbox="517 1697 604 1751" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>*Immediate echolalia (words or phrases)</p> <div data-bbox="979 1697 1067 1751" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
	<p>ii) Does he/she <b>incessantly</b> repeat things/T.V. serial dialogue regardless of meaning/context, whatever he/she has heard <b>later on</b>?</p> <div data-bbox="517 1966 604 2020" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>*Delayed echolalia</p> <div data-bbox="963 1966 1051 2020" style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>	Yes	No	Unsure or NA

	<p>iii) <i>For children aged 4 years or more:</i> Does your child usually use “I for me” and “me for you” incorrectly?</p> <p><i>Eg. when you ask “do you want milk” he/she says “yes you want milk” or “Rohit wants milk” (referring to him self).</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	*Pronoun reversal	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
	<p>iv) <i>For children aged 4 years or more:</i> During conversation does your child <b>often</b> speak ‘out of context’ or irrelevantly?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	Out-of-content speech and neologisms	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
	<p>v) * <i>For children aged 6 years or more:</i> Does your child understand that somebody is making fun of him/her or can he/she understands jokes?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	Child’s response to an age-appropriate joke	Yes	No	Unsure or NA
<b>A2d</b>	<p><i>Does your child participate in games like “Pat-a-cake”, “Peek-a-boo”, “Ring-a-ring rose”, “Akkad bakkad bambe po”, “Posam paa”, “Chal chameli baag mein” and “Totaa ud-mainie ud” etc?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><i>Does your child play variable imaginative play with toys like</i></p> <p><i>For girls:- kitchen set/dolls/clay or dough</i></p> <p><i>For boys:- telephone/toy/gun/motor car?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Quality of child’s play with toys or other objects</p> <p>Look for any form of <b>variable</b> pretend play</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes	No	Unsure

	<b>OR</b>				
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	<p><i>Has your child played different games like "ghar-ghar", "teacher-student" (school-school), "chor-polic" etc. with other kids interactively</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>			
<p>(May add age appropriate regional examples of variable pretend play as necessary)</p> <p>Note for interviewer : If <u>any</u> one is positive will be marked as "<u>Yes</u>"</p>					
A3a	<p>i) *Does your child have excessive interest in <b>odd</b> things/activities which other children do not have?</p> <p><i>E.g. collecting toffee wrappers, polythene bags, piece of string or rope, pulling thread and rubber band etc.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Any <b>unusual</b> interests i.e. unusual for child's age</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes	No	Unsure
	<p>ii) * Does your child have <b>excessive</b> interest in typical things but the interest is so <b>all encompassing</b> that it <b>interferes</b> his/her activities?</p> <p>(Excluding T.V watching)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Excessive and all-encompassing</b> interest in activities that are <b>typical</b> for other child his/her age.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes	No	Unsure
	<p>iii) * Does your child like lining or stacking objects/toys <b>excessively</b>?</p> <p>(Excluding blocks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Excessive</b> lining of objects or toys</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes	No	Unsure

<b>A3b</b>	<p>Does your child unreasonably <b>insist</b> on doing things in a particular way and/or become <b>upset</b> if there is any change in the daily routine?</p> <p><i>E.g. Taking exactly the same route to the school or market, insisting on food being served in the same pattern or sequence etc.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>Child's insistence on any unusual routines or rituals.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	Yes	No	Unsure
<b>A3c</b>	<p>i) Does your child keep on <b>repeating</b> any of the followings, like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flapping hands,</li> <li>• hand wringing,</li> <li>• toe-walking,</li> <li>• rocking or spinning,</li> <li>• making <b>unusual</b> finger or hand movements near his/her face?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	<p>*Any type of motor stereotypes, unusual finger/hand movements near face.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/></div>	Yes	No	Unsure
<p><b>Note for interviewer: Ask with demonstration and answer yes if any one of above example is positive</b></p>					

	ii) *Does your child have with <b>inappropriate</b> fascination movement?  <i>Eg. spinning wheels, opening and closing of doors, electric fan, running water and any other revolving object etc.</i>	Child's <b>Inappropriate</b> fascination with objects in motion.	Yes	No	Unsure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>A3d</b>	Does your child prefer to play with a particular <b>part</b> of a toy/object rather than the whole toy/object?  <i>E.g. wheels of a toy rather than the whole toy.</i>	*Quality of child's play with different toys and objects	Yes	No	Unsure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**SECTION B**

Complete this section (1-5) based on responses from section A and further history taking (6-12)

<b>1. No of criteria fulfilled in A1 of the section A (Social Interaction)</b>  0: Less than two 1. Two or more	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. No of criteria fulfilled in A2 of the section A (Communication)</b>  0: Nil 1. One or more	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. No of criteria fulfilled in A3 of the section A (Restricted Interests)</b>  0: Nil 1. One or more	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Interpretation of questionnaire (1 to 3)</b>  0: No ASD (if response to 2 or more of 1 to 3 is "0") 1. ASD present (If response to 1 is "1" and response to either or both of 2 and 3 is "1")	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Total number of criteria fulfilled in A1, A2 and A3 together</b>  0: Less than Six 1. Six or more	<input type="checkbox"/>



**6. Does/dis your child have any of the following?**

0: No 1: Yes

**A.** Significant delay in development of language of the child? (Not spoken single words by 2 years and communicative phrases by 3 years) ☐

**B.** Difficulty in using language in daily activities or during interaction with other people? ☐

**C.** Started participating in varieties of pretend play at a later age/Not started pretend play? ☐

**D. ANY of the following (mark '1' if any one of the following is 'yes')**

(Tick (✓) the problems present in the child)

- To be separate and indifferent from other children-
- No/few friends
- Difficulty in school (due to behavior or studies)
- Less understanding regarding societal norms

☐**7. Did Your child have these symptoms before three years?**

0: No

1. Yes/Do not know/Not sure

☐**8. Does the child fulfil all the following criteria for diagnosis of Rett's Disorder?**

- Female Child
- Loss of purposeful hand skills between 5-30 months age and development of stereotyped hand wringing, hand washing or hand to mouthing movements
- Loss of special engagement early in course during 9-29 months (although often social interaction develops later)
- Severely impaired expressive and receptive language development with severe psychomotor retardation

0: No 1: Yes

☐**9. Does the child fulfil all the following criteria for diagnosis of Childhood Disintegrative Disorder?**

- Normal development till 2 years age, by the presence of age appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication, social relationships, play and adaptive behaviour
- After 2 years of age, loss of previously acquired milestones (before age 10 years) in 2 or more of the following areas (Tick (✓) the areas in which milestones are lost)
  - < Expressive/receptive language
  - < Social skills/Adaptive behaviour
  - < Bowel or bladder control
  - < Play skills
  - < Motor skills

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abnormalities of functioning in at least two of the following areas:-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt; Qualitative impairment in social interaction</li> <li>&lt; Qualitative impairment in communication</li> <li>&lt; Restricted, repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behaviour</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>		
0: No      1: Yes		
<b>10. There is no clinically significant delay in any of the following?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language development (single words used by age 2 years, communicative phrase used by age 3 years)</li> <li>Cognitive Development <b>OR</b> Development of age-appropriate self-help skills</li> <li>Adaptive behaviour (Other than in social interaction)</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>		
0: No      1: Yes		
<b>11. Summary assessment of ASD</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No ASD (Response to 4 is "0")</li> <li>Autism (Response to ALL of 1 to 7 is "1" and 8,9 is "0")</li> <li>Asperger's Disorder (Response to 4 is "1", 6D is "1" and 10 is "1")</li> <li>PDD-NOS (Response to 4 is "1" and either 5 or 7 or both is "0")</li> <li>Rett's Disorder (Response to 4 us "1" and 8 is "1")</li> <li>CDD (Response to 4 is "1" and 9 is "1")</li> <li>Indeterminate (Criteria non fulfilled, too many unsure responses, could not be tested in appropriate condition)</li> </ol>		
<b>12. Can these symptoms be solely explained by Intellectual Disability?</b> <div style="text-align: right;">           0: No      1: Yes      if yes, refer to TAG review         </div>		
<b>13. Additional note and observation during the interview</b>		
Name of the Assessor	Signature of the Assessor	Date of Assessment

**Annexure-B****INDIAN SCALE FOR ASSESSMENT OF AUTISM****Purpose**

The purpose of developing an Indian Scale for Assessment of Autism (ISAA) was to assess persons with Autism for issuance of disability certificate

**Description of the Scale**

Indian Scale for Assessment of Autism is a rating scale comprising of 40 test items grouped under 6 domains:

**I. Social Relationship and Reciprocity**

Persons with Autism generally remain aloof, socially withdrawn and do not interact with other people. They have difficulty in understanding another person's feelings, such as pain or sorrow. They have problems in maintain eye contact and do not develop age appropriate peer relationships.

**II. Emotional Responsiveness**

Individuals with Autism do not show the expected feelings in a social situation. Emotional reactions are unrelated to the situation and may show anxiety or fear which is excessive in nature without apparent reason. They may show inappropriate emotional response.

**III. Speech – Language and Communication**

Individuals with Autism have problems in speech development. They find it difficult to express their needs verbally and non-verbally and may also have difficulty in understanding the non verbal language of others. People with Autism often have echolalia and may repeat a word, phrase or sentence out of context.

**IV. Behaviour Patterns**

Persons with Autism may engage in self-stimulatory behavior in the form of flapping hands and using an object for this purpose. They insist on following routines and may resist change. Some Autistic children may be restless and exhibit aggressive behavior.

**V. Sensory Aspects**

Persons with Autism are usually sensitive to sensory stimuli. A majority of them are either hypo or hyper sensitive to light, sound, smell and other external stimulation. Some Autistic children explore their environment by smelling, touching or tasting objects.

**VI. Cognitive Component**

Individuals with Autism may lack attention and concentration. They do not respond to instructions promptly or respond after a considerable delay. Some of them may have special or unusual ability known as savant ability in some areas like mathematics, music, memory and artistic abilities.

**Instructions for Test Administration**

USAA must be administered under standard testing conditions and testing methods as given below:

**a) Testing conditions**

The examiner should be sensitive to the person's physiological conditions arising out of hunger, sleep and state changes. Testing should be avoided when the person is indisposed or unduly distressed.

**b) Method of assessment**

Assessment involves:

- i. Observation
- ii. Informant/parent interview
- iii. Testing

**c) Test materials**

Appropriate material and activities are to be used to elicit responses from individuals with autism during assessment. The Kit should comprise the following items:

**ITEMS**

- |                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Car                    | 13. Watch                            |
| 2. Ball (different types) | 14. Hand bell                        |
| 3. Doll (different types) | 15. Paper and crayons/colour Pencils |
| 4. Rattle                 | 16. Blocks                           |
| 5. Picture book           | 17. Squeezer – Cat/Dog               |
| 6. Peg board with rings   | 18. Apple/Banana/Orange/Vegetables   |
| 7. Sorting board          | 19. Box                              |
| 8. Cup                    | 20. Bottle and pellets               |
| 9. Spoon                  | 21. Mirror                           |
| 10. Beads with a string   | 22. Shape sorter                     |
| 11. Colour card/Board     | 23. Slide with rolling ball          |
| 12. Key                   | 24. Musical toys                     |

## a) Testing time

Time required for testing will vary according to the complexity of test items and subject's alacrity in responding. Assessment of persons with Autism using ISAA may take up to one hour.

**Scoring system**

ISAA should be scored as per the scoring system given below.

Each of the 40 test items is to be rated on 5 categories, out of which one is to be checked. These are further quantified by providing percentages to indicate the frequency, degree and intensity of behavioral characteristics that are observed. The categories along with the percentage are assigned as follows:

**Rarely** (Up to 20%) indicates that the person exhibits this behavior pattern for up to 20% of the time. This score is normal for their age and socio-educational background – **Score 1**

**Sometimes** (21% - 40%) indicates that the person exhibits this behavior pattern for 21% - 40% of the time. Some of these behaviours may be a cause for attention and concern, but by and large they may be considered within normal limits for their age and socio-educational background.

Person is completely independent in activities in daily life – **Score 2**

**Frequently** (41 – 60%) indicates that the person exhibits this behavior pattern for 41 – 60% of the time. These behaviours occur with such frequency and regularity that they interfere with the persons' functioning in daily life. Behavior at this level will be definitely disabling.

Person may be able to perform activities of daily life with minimum assistance – **Score 3**

**Mostly** (61-80%) indicates that the person exhibits this behavior pattern for 61-80% of the time. The given behavior may occur without any discernible stimulus. The behavior under consideration occurs so regularly that it significantly hampers the person in performing daily activities.

Person needs assistance in activities of daily life – **Score 4**

**Always** (81-100%) indicates that the person exhibits this behavior pattern almost all the time, so much so that it would be considered a major handicap. The behavior is seldom appropriate to the given situation.

Person is completely dependent on activities of daily life – **Score 5**

**The minimum score that can be obtained is 40.**

**The maximum score that can be obtained is 200.**

**Operational Definition of ISAA items****1. SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP AND RECIPROCITY****1. Poor eye contact**

Individuals with Autism avoid looking people in the eye. They are unable to maintain eye contact as expected for a given age or required social norms. Eye contact may be unusual such as gazing for too long on one spot or looking sideways.

**2. Lack social smile**

Individuals with Autism do not smile when meeting people or in reciprocation. A smile that reflects social response and recognition cannot be elicited from such persons

When a child enters see how he/she reacts to strangers. Whether smiles or not. How he responds to friendly overtures such as a smile or handshake.

**3. Remain aloof**

Individuals with Autism may remain aloof, self-absorbed, withdrawn and not responsive to people or environment. They seem to be preoccupied with their self and be away from the social world around. They hardly respond to or initiate contact with others. There is lack of age-appropriate pretend play.

**4. Do not reach out to other persons**

Individuals with Autism do not interact with other people and remain socially unresponsive. They do not initiate, seek or respond to social interactions. They may not respond to their name, and even if they do, it may not be appropriate.

Check if the child/individual takes any initiative to elicit a response or reaction from others. Does he respond to his name or not and how he reacts when to try to engage him in a social interaction.

**5. Inability to relate to people**

Individuals with Autism do not initiate contact with others and may not relate to people as expected of their age. Reminders are required to attune the individuals with autism to the presence of people and social situations.

**6. Inability to respond to social/environmental cues**

Individuals with Autism are not responsive to social and environmental demands or expectations. They show behavior which is not synchronous with the demands/requirements of the social environment.

Ask if the child behaves appropriately or not in keeping with what is expected in a given situation and also find out whether the child behaves appropriately when parents take him/her to visit friends or relatives, or behaves properly in a market.

**7. Engage in solitary and repetitive play activities**

Individuals with Autism play alone most of the time or prefer solitary activities. They avoid playing with others and may not engage in group oriented activities or tasks at all.

Ask if the child plays in a group with other children or he plays alone with some object or material repetitively.

**8. Inability to take turns in social interaction**

Individuals with Autism do not comprehend the significance of taking turns in reciprocal interactions with others. They do not wait until their turn comes or other's turn ends.

Check if the child can play with a ball by taking turns with someone or can he play bat and ball with someone, which requires turn taking and whether he waits for his turns when talking to others.

**9. Do not maintain peer relationships**

Individuals with Autism do not develop age appropriate friendships. They may not engage in age appropriate peer interactions or maintain peer relationships as it is socially expected. Autistic persons appear to find it difficult to understand social rules and conform to social boundaries.

Ask if the child plays with children of his age, what he plays with them and how well he mixes with them or bonds with them.

**II. EMOTIONAL RESPONSIVENESS****10. Inappropriate emotional response**

Persons with Autism do not show the expected feeling in a social situation. They express inappropriate emotional responses like laughing when scolded or spanked and inappropriate degree of responses like excessive crying or laughing that is unwarranted. Emotional reactions are unrelated to the event or situation around the individual. They may show unpredictable shift in emotions, that is, they may become excited, agitated or distressed for no apparent reason.

**11. Show exaggerated emotions**

Persons with Autism may show anxiety or fear which is excessive in nature and which may be triggered off without an apparent reason. At times, it may be exaggerated or atypical. The Autistic individual may show extreme fear of innocuous objects or events leading to uncontrolled behavior.

**12. Engage in self-stimulating emotions**

Individuals with Autism may engage in self talk that is inappropriate for their age. The Autistic individual may smile to self without any apparent reason. Check if the child talks to self or laughs or smiles or whines for no apparent reason.

**13. Lack of fear of danger**

Persons with Autism may not show fear of hazards or dangers which others of the same age would show or know.

**14. Excited or agitated for no apparent reason**

Persons with Autism may show excitement, over activity or agitation that is both excessive and unwarranted. The Autistic child moves around with brisk energy and may be difficult to control.

**III. SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION****15. Acquired speech and lost it**

Speech development is not age-appropriate. The Autistic individual may have developed speech, but lost it subsequently. 50% of autistic may be mute.

**16. Difficulty in using non-verbal language or gesture to communicate**

Persons with Autism find it difficult to express their needs non-verbally and may also have difficulty in understanding the non-verbal language of others, instead of gesturing or pointing, they may lead others to the desired object by dragging or pulling the latter's hand.

Arrange Cup, Doll, Car, Spoon and Key in a row and ask the child to point to one of the objects. Keep two or three objects at a time to check if the child can point to objects.

**17. Engage in stereotyped and repetitive use of language**

Persons with Autism may repeat a word, phrase or sentence out of context. They repeat the same statement many times.

**18. Engage in echolalic speech**

Persons with Autism may repeat or echo questions or statements made by other people. They may not understand that they have to answer the questions.

Observe if the child is repeating what you said either the whole or a part of what you said.

**19. Produce infantile squeals or unusual noises**

Persons with Autism may squeal, make bizarre, noises and produce unintelligible speech-like sounds. They may produce speech-like sounds that lack meaning.

**20. Unable to initiate or sustain conversation with others**

Persons with Autism may not be able to initiate or sustain conversation with others.

Check if the child can meaningfully respond to a series of questions or maintain a dialogue for adequate time.

**21. Use jargon or meaningless words**

Persons with Autism may use strange or meaningless words which convey no meaning.

**22. Use pronoun reversals**

Persons with Autism may show difficulty in the use of pronouns. They frequently reverse pronouns such as “I” for “You”.

**23. Unable to grasp pragmatics of communication (real meaning)**

Persons with Autism have difficulty in understanding the true intent of speech of others. They may not understand the pragmatics of speech communication. For example, When somebody asks them “Can you tell the time?”, they may say “Yes” and stop. Check if the person understands humour and sarcasm.

**IV. BEHAVIOUR PATTERNS****24. Engage in stereotyped and repetitive motor manners**

Persons with Autism may engage in self-stimulatory behavior in the form of flapping of hands or fingers, body rocking or using an object for this purpose.

**25. Show attachment to inanimate objects**

Individuals with Autism may be staunchly attached to certain inanimate objects which they insist on keeping with themselves such as string, rock, pen, stick, toy, bottle and the like.

Keep all the objects and check if the child shows attachment to inanimate objects. This can be seen if he likes to play with one object consistently and seems very much attached to it and shows resistance and temper tantrums when that object is taken away.

**26. Show hyperactivity/restlessness**

Individuals with Autism may be restless with boundless energy which makes it difficult for others to control them. The hyperactivity interferes with their learning and performance tasks.

**27. Exhibit aggressive behavior**

Persons with Autism may show unprovoked aggression and socially inappropriate behavior such as hitting, kicking and pinching.

**28. Throw temper tantrums**

Individuals with Autism may indulge in self-injurious behaviours like biting, hitting or mutilating self. Such individuals have to be constantly supervised to prevent injuring themselves.

**29. Engage in self-injurious behavior**

Persons with Autism may indulge in self-injurious behaviours like biting, hitting or mutilating self. Such individuals have to be constantly supervised to prevent them injuring themselves.

**30. Insist on sameness**

Persons with Autism may resist change in their routine and insist that things be the same as they were. Such individuals may insist on continuing the same activity and it would be very difficult to distract them from such repetitive activities. Any change in the schedule leads to frustration and temper tantrums. Thus, persons with autism show a degree of rigidity in their adherence to routine and accustomed ways.

Check if the child wants to sit at the same place, reads the same stories, prefers the same route, wants things to be kept in the same place and wants the same schedule of activities in a prescribed sequence always.

**V. SENSORY ASPECTS****31. Unusually sensitive to sensory stimuli**

Persons with Autism may react strongly to certain sounds, lights, touch or tastes by closing their ears, eyes or refusing to eat food of certain consistency. They may actively avoid certain sensory stimuli.

Ring the bell or any sound making object to see how the child reacts. Check if he is finding the sound aversive or distressing or if he closes his ears. This is for auditory stimuli. Check how the child reacts to your touch. Observe how the child reacts to bright illumination or darkness.

**32. Stare into space for long periods of time**

Persons with Autism may stare at some distant spot or space for long periods of time. They seem to be unaware of surroundings when thus occupied.

**33. Difficulty in tracking objects**

Persons with Autism may have difficulty in tracking objects or persons in motion. They are unable to follow or fix their gaze on moving objects or persons for the required period of time.

Throw the ball or rattle and see if the child tracks it or not. Veer a car and move it around or spin the top and check if the child is looking at it if it twirls and moves away or not.

**34. Has unusual vision**

Persons with Autism may be able to observe tiny details which may not be apparent to others. Such individuals focus their attention on some insignificant part of an object that is generally ignored by others.

Check if the child is looking at some miniscule part of the object or toy or watching from the corners of his eyes or brings objects very close to his eyes and stares.

**35. Insensitive to pain**

Persons with Autism may hardly react to pain. They seem not to be distressed or cry when hurt. They seem to have high thresholds for pain.

**36. Respond to objects unusually by smelling, touching or tasting**

Individuals with Autism may go around exploring their environment by smelling, touching or tasting objects. Some of them may not show appropriate use of objects or toys.

Keep all the objects and observe if the child is smelling, touching or tasting the objects or if he is using the objects appropriately.

**IV. COGNITIVE COMPONENT****37. Inconsistent attention and concentration**

It is difficult to arouse the attention of individuals with autism. They do not concentrate, and if they do, then it may not be on relevant aspects of the object or event. As a result of this, they may be inconsistent in their response.

Ask the child to put the pegs on the board and sort the pieces and put them in their right places on the sorting board or fill the bottle with the beads or string the beads in a twine. Check if the child can attend and concentrate on the task.

**38. Delayed response time**

Persons with Autism do not respond to instructions promptly or respond after considerable delay. Quick response to instructions is hardly even to be expected.



Show picture books/blocks and ask the child to show some object in a picture book. Observe if the child is responding after a delay or with repeated instructions. Ask for the name of things or objects or its uses or differences between objects depending on the age of the child.

### 39. Unusual memory

Persons with Autism may show memory for things which most of the individuals would have long forgotten. Some of them have exceptional ability to remember things from the distant past. Check if the child recognized people he met long time back or remembers the routines taken or places visited or dates or time or locations or names of things to an extraordinary extent.

### 40. Savant ability

Persons with Autism may have special or unusual ability in some areas like reading early, mathematical feats or artistic talent. Some of them may show superior ability, but in a restricted field of interest.

### Proforma

Name of the child \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Direction:

Below are given 40 statements which are divided under six domains, Please tick (✓) mark the appropriate rating for each item of the scale b observing the child and by interviewing the parents in order to assess Autism.

Items		Rarely Upto 20 % Score 1	Sometimes 21 -40 % Score 2	Frequently 41-60 % Score 3	Mostly 61-80 % Score 4	Always 81-100 % Score 5
<b>I. SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP AND RECIPROCITY</b>						
1.	Has poor eye contact					
2.	Lacks social smile					
3.	Remains aloof					
4.	Does not reach out of others					
5.	Unable to relate to people					
6.	Unable to respond to social/environmental cues					
7.	Engages in solitary and repetitive play activities					
8.	Unable to take turns in social interaction					
9.	Does not maintain peer relationships					

<b>II. EMOTIONAL RESPONSIVENESS</b>						
10.	Shows inappropriate emotional response					
11.	Shows exaggerated emotions					
12.	Engages in self-stimulating emotions					
13.	Lacks fear of danger					
14.	Exited or agitated for no apparent reason					
<b>III. SPEECH - LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION</b>						
15.	Acquired speech and lost it					
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17.	Engages in stereotyped and repetitive use of language					
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19.	Produces infantile squeals/unusual noises					
20.	Unable to initiate or sustain conversation with others					
21.	Uses jargon or meaningless					
22.	Uses pronoun reversals					
23.	Unable to grasp the pragmatics or communication					
<b>IV. BEHAVIOURS PATTERNS</b>						
24.	Engages in stereotyped and repetitive motor mechanisms					
25.	Shows attachment to inanimate objects					
26.	Show hyperactivity/restlessness					
27.	Exhibits aggressive behaviour					
28.	Throws temper tantrums					
29.	Engages in self-injurious behaviour					
30.	Insists on sameness					
<b>V. SENSORY ASPECTS</b>						
31.	Unusually sensitive to sensory stimuli					
32.	Stares into space for long periods of time					
33.	Has difficulty in tracking objects					
34.	Has unusual vision					
35.	Insensitive to pain					

36.	Responds to objects/people unusually by smelling, touching or tasting					
<b>VI. COGNITIVE COMPONENT</b>						
37.	Inconsistent attention and concentration					
38.	Shows delay in responding					
39.	Has unusual memory of some kind					
40.	Has savant ability					

**Annexure C****CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM**

GOVERNMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and address of the State/authorized Autism certification Medical Board issuing the certificate)

Recent attested  
photograph affixed  
here

This is to certify that Shri/Smt/Kum. \_\_\_\_\_ Son/Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ of  
village/Town/City ( complete address of the applicant) with particulars given below:-

- date of birth
- sex
- Signature and thumb impression

has been examined by the State/authorised Autism Certification Medical Board and he/she is found to be categorized as persons with no autism/mild Autism/moderate autism/severe autism. His/her percentage of disability is \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature and seal

of Chairperson of

State/authorised Autism Certification Medical Board

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